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FORMER FLAGSTAFF TAX PREPARER INDICTED FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS

PHOENIX—A federal grand jury indicted a former Flagstaff payroll service and tax preparer on 11 counts of aiding in the preparation of false tax returns. The indictment, which was returned in Phoenix on November 9, 2010, alleges that Devon M. Scott, also known as Roland J. Rojas, 39, owned and operated the now defunct Devero Premier Services Group, a payroll tax service in Flagstaff, Arizona, and that he filed tax returns which fraudulently and falsely stated the amount of payroll taxes which Devero had deposited with the IRS on behalf of clients.

The indictment further charges that among the services Devero performed for its clients was the collection and payment of its clients' payroll taxes to the IRS. In 11 specific instances from January to July 2005, Scott filed tax returns which fraudulently and falsely stated the amount of payroll taxes which Devero had deposited with the IRS on behalf of clients.

Arraignment is set in United States District Court for November 24, 2010.

Each conviction for aiding and assisting in preparation and presentation of a false and fraudulent tax return carries up to a maximum penalty of three years imprisonment, a \$100,000 fine or both, plus the costs of prosecution. In determining an actual sentence, the court will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by special agents of the Internal Revenue Service. The prosecution is being handled by Frank T. Galati, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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